

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer-readable medium for a hand-held device, the device capable of being held with one hand and having a button that is capable of being actuated by the hand holding the device, the computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

receiving an indication that a user has depressed the button;

determining that the button has been depressed long enough to constitute a context menu gesture; and

displaying a context menu on the device in response to the context menu gesture.

2. The computer-readable medium of claim 1 wherein displaying a context menu comprises:

determining what object is highlighted on the display; and

displaying a context menu appropriate for the highlighted object.

3. The computer-readable medium of claim 2 wherein the highlighted object is an entire window on the display and the context menu provides at least one command that operates on the entire window.

4. The computer-readable medium of claim 1 wherein displaying a context menu comprises:

determining that no object is highlighted on the display; and
displaying a context menu that is appropriate for an entire window on the display.

5. A method of producing a context menu on a display of a hand-held device, the method comprising:
determining whether a user has manipulated a button on the hand-held device to satisfy a context menu gesture requirement; and
displaying a context menu if the context menu gesture requirement has been satisfied.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the context menu gesture requirement comprises pressing the button for more than a required period of time.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the context menu gesture requirement is not satisfied if the user presses and releases the button before the required period of time.

8. The method of claim 6 further comprising determining that a user has made a selection gesture instead of the context menu gesture.

9. The method of claim 5 wherein displaying a context menu comprises:

determining if there is a portion of the display that is highlighted; and
displaying a context menu that is appropriate for the highlighted portion.

10. The method of claim 9 further comprising:
determining that no portion of the display is highlighted; and
displaying a context menu for an entire window on the display.